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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that his Ministry have taken steps to minimise wasteful expenditure in Government Departments and have already identified that there are certain sectors in which wasteful expenditure is maximum in various Government Departments;

(b) if so, the details of such sectors of his Ministry/Departments under him, which have been identified for the purpose and quantum of wasteful expenditure identified therein during each of the last three years; and

(c) the corrective steps taken so far by his Ministry to curtail/stop such wasteful expenditure, if any ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): It is Government`s constant endeavour to contain non-plan, non-developmental expenditure. It is in this context that, along with other measures, instructions to avoid wasteful Government expenditure are issued from time to time to all the Ministries/Departments including the Departments under the Ministry of Finance.These measures include ban on the creation of posts, reduction in the number of sanctioned posts, restrictions on the filling up of vacant posts, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and on entertainment/hospitality expenses etc.